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District council in turmoil

Dayton's Bluff executive director under fire

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A raucous crowd of roughly 200 brought a megaphone and chants to a Monday night district council meeting on St. Paul's East Side, screaming so loudly it took 20 minutes for a single vote.

This month, the Dayton's Bluff

Community Council laid off all its staff. Businesses are demanding money. And former staffers are pointing to one person: the executive director who more than tripled the council's budget during her tenure.

Although located in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods, the Dayton's Bluff council is one of the

most ambitious district councils in the city, owning or co-owning three nonprofit enterprises and serving as a fiscal agent for a half-dozen others.

The very building they were voting in was on the line — with a final balloon payment due for its \$1.2 million purchase and renovation: a job and business Enterprise Center that's already received hundreds of thousands of dollars in city and state funding.

At the climax of their Monday evening meeting, the board voted 6-5 to keep executive director Deanna Abbott-Foster on an unpaid, volunteer basis while they struggle to figure out finances even Abbott-Foster admits are in serious flux.

"You've allowed someone to bury the bodies if there were any," yelled neighborhood resident Laura Mayo before the vote.

"What we have is a shortage of

DAYTON'S BLUFF, 6A

Bus strike averted with new contract

Work stoppage would have disrupted Super Bowl transportation

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Unionized transit workers voted Monday to approve the Metropolitan Council's latest contract offer, averting a strike that would have disrupted Twin Cities transportation during the Super Bowl.

Union workers had met over the previous two days to vote on the proposal, announcing the contract approval Monday afternoon. The new contract includes term and wage rate increases, driver safety measures, sick leave policy changes and more.

"In my opinion, it's a fair compromise," said Mark Lawson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005. "We didn't get everything we wanted, management didn't get everything they wanted."

Transit workers overwhelmingly rejected a Met Council contract offer in November and threatened to strike during the Super Bowl if the dispute wasn't resolved.

On Monday, 82 percent of ATU Local 1005 members voted in favor of ratifying the latest contract proposal.

The three-year agreement represents a shift from the normal two-year contract. The contract will provide a wage increase of 2.5 percent in each of its three years — through July 31, 2020.

"We'll be able to focus on

TRANSIT CONTRACT, 6A

3 killed in Amtrak derailment



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Cars from an Amtrak train lay spilled onto Interstate 5 alongside smashed vehicles after a derailment Monday in DuPont, Wash. The train, making the first run along a faster new route, hurtled off the overpass near Tacoma, killing at least three people.

Speed on new route might have been factor in overpass crash south of Seattle

By Rachel La Corte, Gillian Flaccus and Michael Sisak
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DUPONT, Wash. — An Amtrak train making the first-ever run along a faster new route hurtled off an overpass south of Seattle on Mon-

day and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below, killing at least three people, injuring dozens and crushing two vehicles, authorities said.

Attention quickly turned to the train's speed. A website that maps location and speed using data from Amtrak's train tracker app showed the train was going 81.1 mph about a quarter of a mile from the point where it derailed, where the speed limit is significantly lower.

There were 80 passengers and five on duty crew when the train derailed and pulled 13 cars off the tracks. Authorities said there were three confirmed deaths. More than 70 people

were taken for medical care — including 10 with serious injuries.

About two hours after the accident, a U.S. official who was briefed on the investigation said he was told at least six people were killed. The official said he had no new information to explain the discrepancy in the numbers.

The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

A track chart prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation shows the

AMTRAK CRASH, 6A

Police shoot man during City Hall interview

He was cutting himself with 'edged weapon'

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A man being interviewed by Minneapolis police at City Hall was shot by officers after injuring himself with an "edged weapon" late Monday afternoon, according to Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo.

The wounded man was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center, but his condition was not yet known, Arradondo told reporters at a news conference Monday night at City Hall,

where police headquarters are located. No officers were injured.

The man had been left alone by investigators in an interview room about 4:40 p.m.

When they returned, they found he had used the weapon to injure himself, Arradondo said.

After attempting to subdue the man, officers fired their weapons, he said.

Arradondo did not say how many officers were involved in



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An investigator exits Room 108 at Minneapolis City Hall, the scene of an officer-involved shooting Monday.

CITY HALL SHOOTING, 7A

No jail time for guard who made false accusation

Accuser had said he was shot by black man on St. Catherine campus

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A St. Catherine University security guard who falsely reported to police that he was shot by a black man will not have to serve any immediate jail time and could avoid it altogether.

During his sentencing Monday, Ramsey County District Judge Nicole Starr ordered Brent Patrick Ahlers to pay about \$4,500 in restitution for the expense incurred by law enforcement who spent hours hunting for the fictitious assailant. But Starr gave him an opportunity to avoid jail if he meets other requirements imposed by the court.

Those requirements include attending six sessions of a group led by Ramsey County District Judge George Stephenson for men whose lives have intersected with the criminal justice system.

Most of those in the group are African-American, Starr told him.

After the six sessions, Ahlers will have to report back to Starr on what

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